

SC Resource Conservation Challenge  
Task Force Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2004

Attendees:

Renee Daggerhart, SC Energy Office  
Holly Storey, DHEC  
Richard Chesley, DHEC  
Bill Culler, DHEC  
Clay Watts, DSS  
Cindy Murphy, Central Carolina Tech  
Trish Jerman, Sustainable Universities Initiative  
Steve Thomas, Clemson Extension & SC National Guard  
Karen Owens, SC Dept of Commerce

After going around the room to reintroduce everyone, Holly Storey gave a brief update on the Green Steps Program, an environmental awareness and recognition program for schools. The pilot program has been led by Paper Stock Dealers/Sonoco in Columbia along with DHEC, Keep the Midlands Beautiful, SC Energy Office and the Midlands schools districts. Seven schools participated in this first year and plans are being made to expand it statewide. You can visit its Web site at [www.greenstepschools.com](http://www.greenstepschools.com) for more information. Cindy asked if there were any brochures and that may something DHEC can help with. We'll include a more detailed presentation as part of September workshop.

Next, Bill Culler reported that the statewide contract for recycling electronic equipment is almost ready to be announced. The procurement folks have narrowed it down to two vendors and the final information checking and negotiations are going on now. Bill did mention that as part of the contract award, the vendor will have to work with DHEC to help educate procurement folks throughout the state about how to use the contract, what materials are covered, best management practices, etc. and we may be able to have them participate in our September workshop as well.

The task force wants to hold a follow-up workshop to address the concerns stated by participants of May 2003 workshop and provide updates on the progress that has been made so far. Topics to be presented include

- an update on the state contract for electronics recycling,
- presentation on the benefits of leasing computers vs. buying them,
- information about proper management of mercury containing lamps (such as fluorescent bulbs),
- unveiling the Make A Difference campaign which focuses on sharing statistics and dollars saved by implementing energy saving techniques and also shows other environmental benefits (reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, tress saved, etc.) and
- success stories by various agencies, colleges, etc.

We're planning to have two workshops on the same day. The first half-day session targeting state agencies, colleges, universities and local governments and second session targeting K-12 schools and school districts. Format would be similar but slightly different presentation in afternoon session to address Green Steps program and growing interest in building "green schools."

We also hope to have the head of the EPA's RCC program come and address the group and talk about how SC has played a leadership role in getting this message out to constituents. We'll also ask the Governor's Office to have someone make some brief remarks about the Challenge as well.

We are going to need volunteers to help coordinate the workshops as well as encouraging people to attend. Please plan on contacting Karen or Richard to sign up for to help!

Renee distributed some information about energy savings that result from turning off computers, pros of flat screens, etc. that will be used as part of Make A Difference campaign. Richard will work with Renee and getting some materials produced and Renee said the Energy Office may be able to provide some workbooks to SC RCC participants.

Holly reported that MySCGov.com had a featured link on it Web site for RCC and we're going to notify participants with link. Also need to get past minutes loaded on our Web site for people to look at and keep up with our progress.

Clay reported that he was using Midlands Shredding and Recycling and provided Karen with their contact information. She will investigate and report back to the group.

Our next task force meeting will be Monday, June 14 at 1:30 at DHEC's Office 8901 Farrow Road at a conference room to be announced.